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Application of: Yamada *et al.*

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For: Nucleic Acid Sequences and
Methods for Enhancing
Expression of Useful Gene

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Sullivan, D.M.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to a non-final office action mailed January 28, 2003. Claims 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 33-39, and 52-55 have been allowed. Claims 22, 29, 30, 44, 45, 47-51, and 56 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time.